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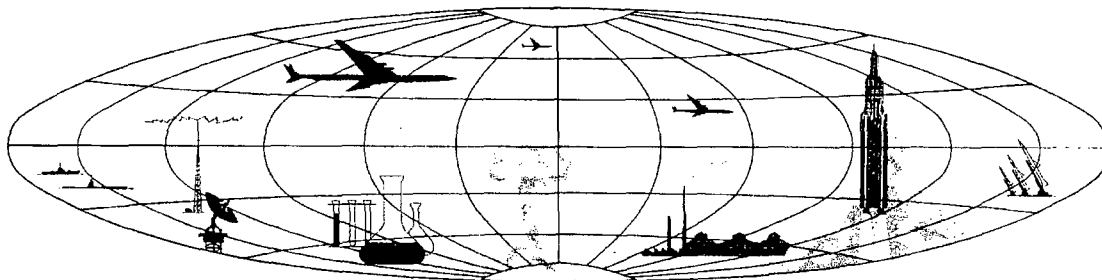
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**PREFACE**

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Titles and letter designators for the various facilities are as follows: (A) railroad service, (B) road service, (C) landing strips, (D) administrative and troop housing areas, (E) storage areas, (F) ammunition storage areas, (G) POL storage areas, (H) other buildings and facilities, (J) equipment storage/maintenance areas, (K) athletic fields, (L) small arms firing ranges, (M) driver training areas, (N) tank/assault gun firing ranges, (P) flat trajectory firing ranges, (Q) artillery emplacements (batteries), (R) infantry or combined arms field training area or courses, (S) special training facilities, (T) unidentified facilities or tracking activity.

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# POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS

(55-31N 028-46E)

POLOTSK, VITEBSKAYA OBLAST, USSR

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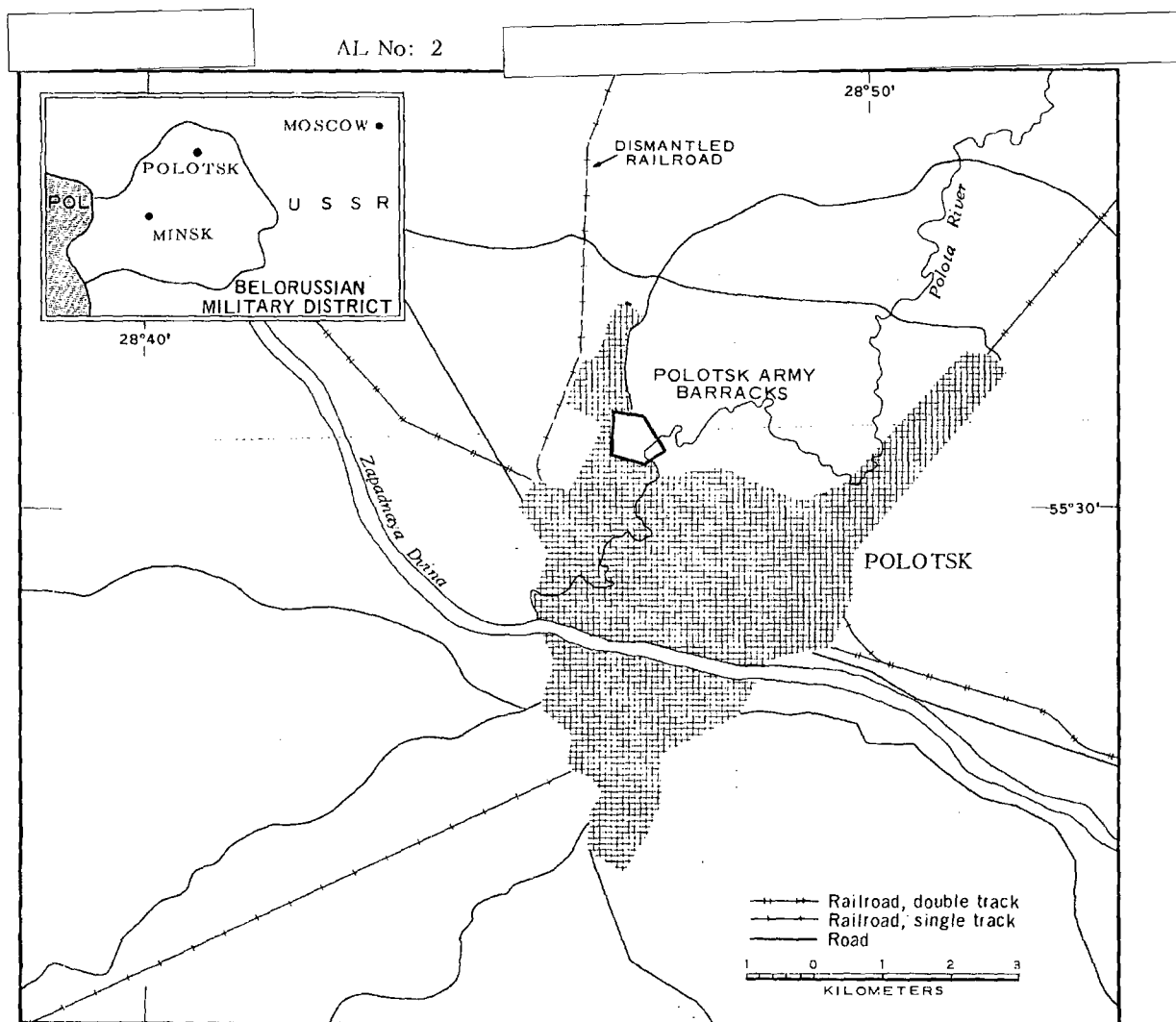


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS.

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## SUMMARY

Polotsk Army Barracks (Figure 1) is located one kilometer (km) north of Polotsk (55-29N 028-48E). A former rail line 0.5 km west of the installation has been dismantled and the rail bed is now used as a road. All-weather secondary roads provide access to Polotsk. Direct secondary roads connect this area with Polotsk Army Barracks and Maneuver Area (AL-3), one km north.

This installation covers approximately 410 acres and contains two administrative buildings, four barracks, eight large storage build-

ings, 20 support buildings, one secured ammunition storage building, and two small arms firing ranges (Figures 2 and 3).

The area is covered by 1956 TALENT photography and 8 KEYHOLE missions between December 1961 and February 1964. Comparative analysis reveals a consistent level of light activity between December 1961 and February 1964. Significant changes observed are the removal of two large storage buildings and the addition of two support buildings.

## DESCRIPTION OF INSTALLATION

**Railroad Service**

A rail line 0.5 km west of the installation has been dismantled, and the rail bed is now used as a road.

**Road Service**

All-weather secondary roads provide access to the primary highway in Polotsk.

**Administrative and Troop Housing Area**

Area D (Figure 3) has one administrative building, two U-shaped multistory barracks, one multistory barracks, and 12 support buildings. Two small support buildings have been added since 1956.

**General Storage Area**

Area E has eight large storage buildings, one multistory barracks, one administrative

building, and five support buildings. Two large storage buildings have been removed since 1956.

**Ammunition Storage Area**

Area F has one 150- by 50-foot ammunition storage building located in a small secured area.

**Equipment Storage/Maintenance Area**

Area J has three 150- by 50-foot vehicle sheds, two 140- by 50-foot vehicle sheds, and three support buildings. Scarring and snow plowing indicate the area is occupied.

**Small Arms Firing Ranges**

Area L has one 750- by 50-foot and one 300- by 100-foot small arms firing range. Little or no activity is observed at these ranges.

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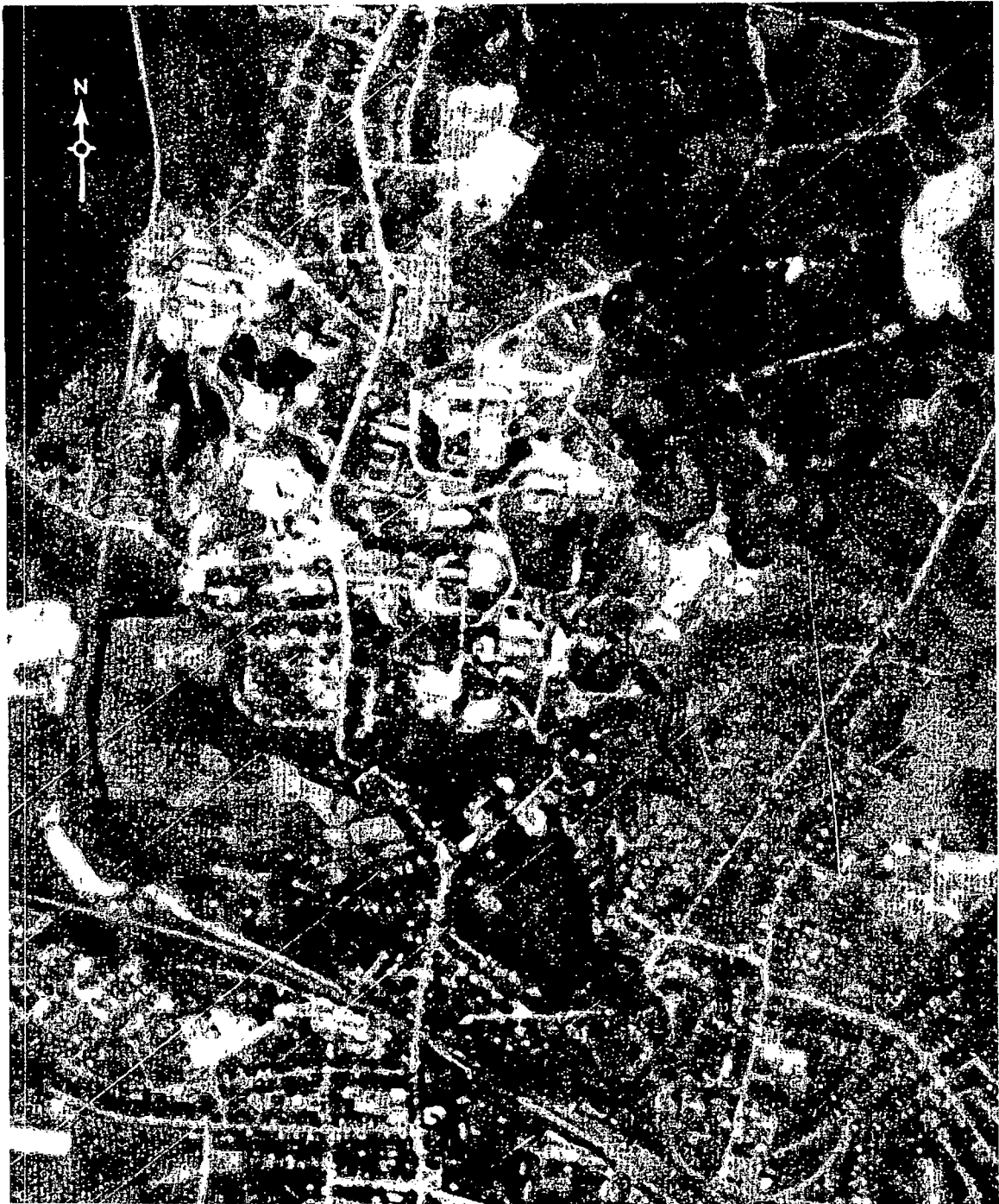


FIGURE 2. POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS, POLOTSK, USSR, AUGUST 1963.

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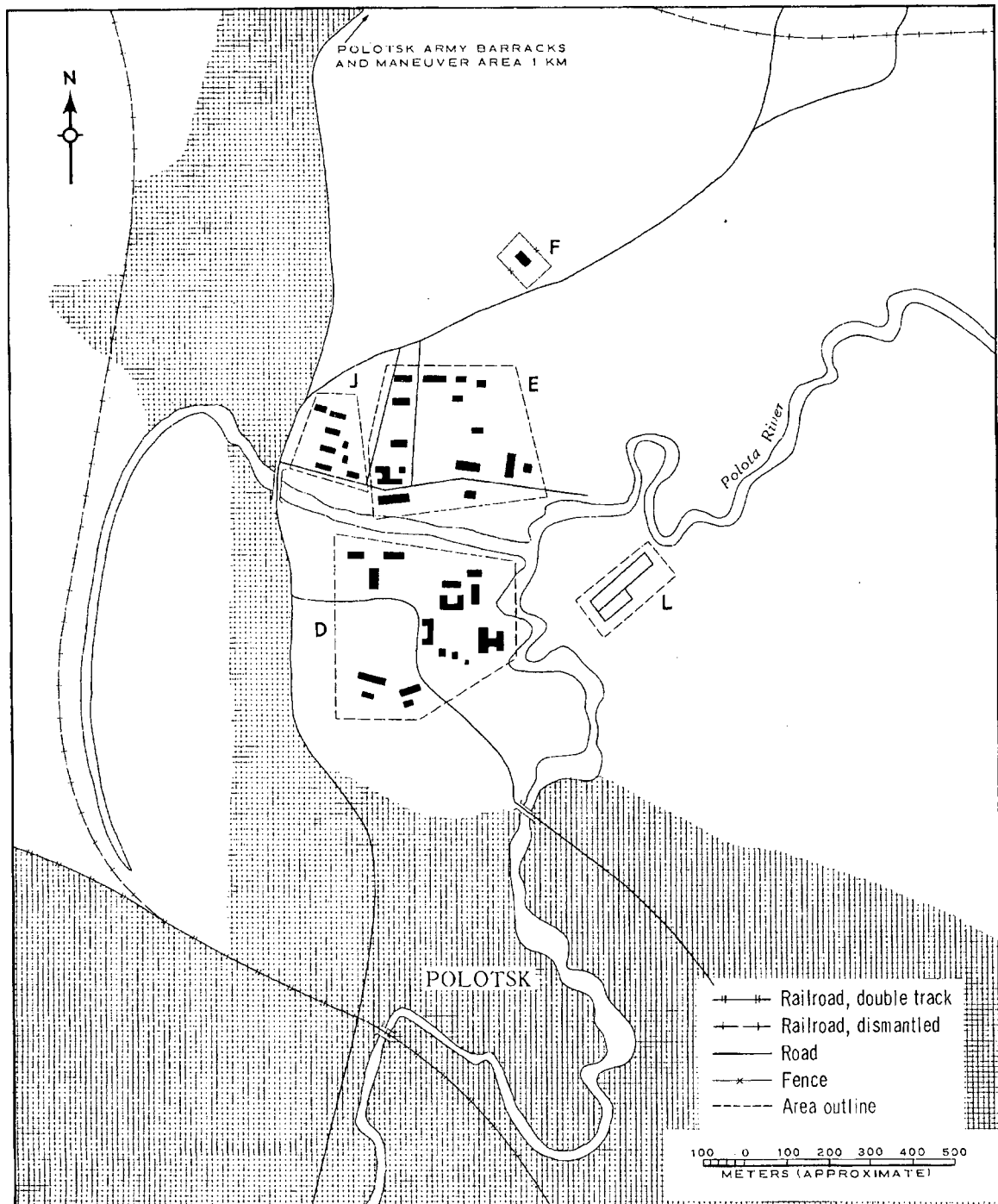


FIGURE 3. POLOTSK ARMY BARRACKS. Sketch compiled from [redacted] August 1963.

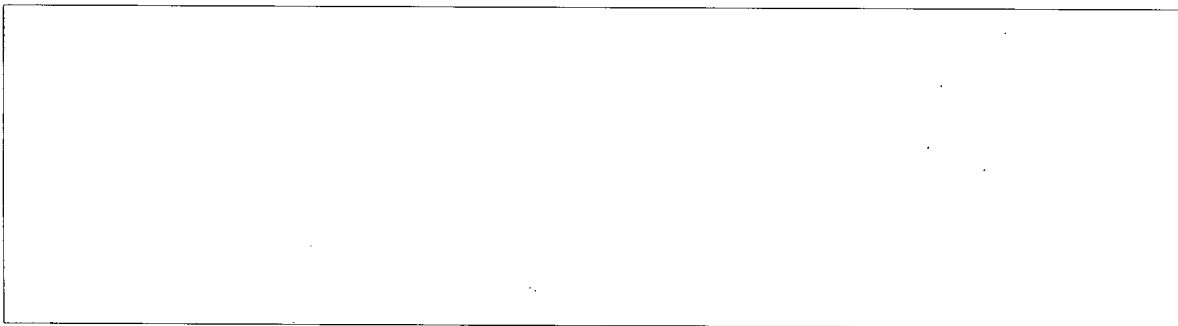
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